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SUMMARY: THE DECISION WAS MADE TO CONTINUE THE UNINTERRUPTED TRAINING OF THE FOURTEEN AG/MOPSS TECHNICIANS BY SDC CONTRACT PERSONNEL IN CULIACAN AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WITH AG OFFICE, DEA AND NAU REPRESENTATIVES. END OF SUMMARY.

1. DURING OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH ADMIN CHIEF MANCERA ON FRIDAY, OCT. 31, HE WAS ABLE TO ASSURE US THAT EVERY EFFORT WAS BEING MADE TO MAKE THE AERO COMMANDER (XC-GOZ) AIRWORTHY ASAP SO REMOTE SENSING FLIGHTS COULD BE RESUMED. SDC GROUP LEADER GROTEWALD INFORMED US TELEPHONICALLY THAT IN SPITE OF THE SHORTCOMINGS, THE SDC TECHNICIANS HAD CONTINUED WITH THE TRAINING IN OTHER IMPORTANT AREAS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CONTRACT STIPULATIONS AND SCHEDULING. ENGINEER QUINONES SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED THIS DURING A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ON MONDAY, 3 NOV. CAPT. VIDEZ ASSURED US THIS DATE THAT XC-GOZ SHOULD BE AVAILABLE BY THIS WEEK, AS REQUIRED SPARE PARTS HAD BEEN AIR SHIPPED TO CULIACAN.

2. OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH ADMIN CHIEF MANCERA RELATED TO THE ADDI-
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TIONAL TECHNICIANS RESULTED IN HIS CALLING THE DEPUTY AG WHO IN

TURN CALLED D/G PUIG AT CETENAL. ALTHOUGH DEPUTY AG NOTIFIED ADMIN CHIEF THERE WERE DEIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING THE ADDITIONAL TWO TECHNICIANS CITED IN REFTEL, ENG. QUINONES INFORMED US ON 3 NOV. THAT NINTH TECHNICIAN ARRIVED IN CULIACAN ON FRIDAY EVENING AND HE WAS EXPECTING THE TENTH SHORTLY. ENG. QUINONES ALSO INFORMED US THAT HE WAS EXPECTING THE IMMINENT ARRIVAL OF THE TWO CETENAL TECHNICIANS TO COMMENCE TRAINING ON REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF SDC EQUIPMENT.

3. WE APPRECIATE HAVING THE DEFICIENCIES SURFACED, HOWEVER, REMEDIAL MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN OR ARE IN PROCESS NOW. IN SUM, WE FELT THAT INTERRUPTION OF THE MOPSS TRAINING WOULD WORK AGAINST THE MOMENTUM ENGENDERED FOR EARLIER INITIATION OF THE INTENSIVE EXPANDED ERADICATION PROGRAM.
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